

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1) (Currently Amended) A device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ for protecting the bodywork ~~(C)~~ of a motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~, comprising:

—— at least a flexible laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201, 301, 302)~~, able to be laid out to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;

—— at least a ~~mainly longitudinal developed~~ substantially longitudinally extending housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, able to contain said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101, 201; 301, 302)~~ when it is in an inoperative conditions, in said housing structure, provided with:

—— connection means ~~(5; 103; 203)~~ to said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;
and

—— at least a longitudinal slot ~~(9)~~ for the passage of said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ from the interior to the outside of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, and vice versa;

—— handling means ~~(6)~~, coupled with said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ and available to ~~the a~~ user, to extract said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ from said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ and to dispose it to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;

—— hooking means ~~(7)~~, coupled with said handling means ~~(6)~~, able to connect said laid out laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ to said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~, and

—— characterized in that it comprises cleaning means ~~(25)~~, coupled with said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ at said longitudinal slot ~~(9)~~, able to clean remove the impurities from said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ during its movement.

2) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said cleaning means ~~(25)~~ are applied to a support bar ~~(26)~~ connected to ~~the an~~ inner surface ~~(4c)~~ of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ through joining means.

3) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said cleaning means ~~(25)~~ consist of includes a strip of woven

wires ~~(27)~~, soaked with silicone to minimize light passage, to resist temperature variations and to make it waterproof.

4) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 1, wherein characterized in that said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ consists of includes a shell ~~(8)~~ having a cross sectional profile of essentially elliptic shape, to avoid dust or impurities ~~of other kind to from depositing~~ on the outer surface ~~(4a; 102a; 202a)~~ of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~.

5) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 4, wherein characterized in that said shell ~~(8)~~ is composed ~~by of~~ two half-shells ~~(81, 82)~~ disposed side by side at the longitudinal symmetry axis ~~(Z)~~ of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~.

6) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 5, wherein characterized in that said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ has an end fixed to a support element ~~(10, 11; 304)~~, disposed in said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, which ~~is developed according to~~ extends along the longitudinal symmetry axis ~~(Z)~~ of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ for a length substantially equal to the length of said longitudinal slot ~~(9)~~.

7) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200)~~ according to claim 6, wherein characterized in that said support element ~~(10, 11)~~ consists of includes a winding cylinder ~~(12, 13)~~ around which said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ is wound/unwound.

8) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(300)~~ according to claim 6, wherein characterized in that said support element ~~(304)~~ consists of includes the inner surface ~~(303e)~~ of said housing structure ~~(303)~~.

9) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200)~~ according to claim 7, wherein characterized in that said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201)~~ consists of includes a roll-up cloth ~~(14, 15)~~.

10) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(300)~~ according to claim 8}, wherein ~~characterized in that said laminar element (301, 302) consists of~~ includes a pliant cloth having ~~(305, 306) according to~~ a bellows configuration.

11) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 7}, further comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ elastic means ~~(16)~~ disposed in said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, able to maintain in tension said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~.

12) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 11}, wherein ~~characterized in that said elastic means (16)~~ are placed at least at an end ~~(4b)~~ of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~.

13) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 1}, wherein ~~characterized in that said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) is~~ provided with a pair of shaped brackets ~~(17; 108)~~, each of them said shaped brackets being laterally coupled with said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ through joining means ~~(109)~~.

14) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ according to claim 13}, wherein ~~characterized in that each of said shaped brackets (17)~~ is externally provided with a cap ~~(18, 19)~~.

15) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 300)~~ according to claim 4}, wherein ~~characterized in that said connection means (5) comprise at least a magnet (20, 21),~~ coupled with a ~~the~~ roof (F_1) or with ~~the~~ a front bumper (U_a) and/or ~~the~~ a rear bumper (U_p) of said motor vehicle ($A_1; A_4$) and joined through first fixing means (22) to said outer surface ~~(4a)~~ of said housing structure ~~(4; 303; 500)~~.

16) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(100)~~ according to claim 4}, wherein ~~characterized in that said connection means (103) comprise at least a flexible belt (104, 105),~~ coupled with said housing structure ~~(102; 400)~~ and joined in a stable but removable way to ~~the~~ an upper post (M_2) of ~~the~~ a door (P_2), to a hood ~~the bonnet (F)~~ or to a trunk ~~the boot (B)~~ of said motor vehicle (A_2), and at least a bearing pad ~~(106, 107)~~, coupled with ~~the~~

a roof (T_2), with the hood/bonnet (F) or with the trunk boot (B) of said motor vehicle (A_2), upon which said outer surface ($102a$) of said housing structure ($102; 400$) is disposed.

17) (Currently Amended) The device (200) according to claim 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said connection means (203) comprise at least a hollow body (204), connected through second fixing means to said outer surface ($202a$) of said housing structure (202) to define at least a space (205) in which at least a shaped bar (206), provided with at least an end ($206a$) rigidly fixed to the vertical post (M_3) of said motor vehicle (A_3), is inserted.

18) (Currently Amended) The device ($1; 100; 200; 300$) according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said handling means (6) ~~consist of~~ includes a tubular element ($28; 30$), applied to the a free end ($2a$) of said laminar element ($2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302$) and internally provided with an elastic wire ($29; 31$) to whose ends ($29a; 29b$) said hooking means (7) are applied.

19) (Currently Amended) The device ($1; 100; 200; 300$) according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said hooking means (7) ~~consist of~~ includes hooks ($32; 33$) able to be joined with said bodywork (C) of said motor vehicle ($A_1; A_2; A_3; A_4$).

20) (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said hooking means ~~consist of~~ includes magnetic elements able to be positioned on said bodywork of said motor vehicle.

21) (Currently Amended) The device ($200; 300$) according to claim 1, further comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ a heating system of said laminar element ($201; 301; 302$), coupled with feeding means and able to prevent ice formation on said laminar element ($201; 301; 302$).

22) (Currently Amended) The device ($200; 300$) according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said flexible laminar element ($201; 301; 302$) is made of insulating material, able to resist low temperatures during the cold season.

23) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100)~~ according to claim 1), wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said flexible laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101)~~ is made of a material able to resist high temperatures during the hot season.

24) (Currently Amended) A device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~ for protecting the bodywork ~~(C)~~ of a motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~, comprising:

—— at least a flexible laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~, able to be laid out to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;

—— at least a substantially longitudinally extending mainly longitudinal developed housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, able to contain said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ when it is in an inoperative conditions in said housing structure, provided with:

—— connection means ~~(5; 103; 203)~~ to said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;
and

—— at least a longitudinal slot ~~(9)~~ for the passage of said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ from the interior to the outside of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, and vice versa;

—— handling means ~~(6)~~, coupled with said laminar element ~~(2, 3, 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ and available to ~~the~~ a user, to extract said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ from said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ and to dispose it to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;

—— hooking means ~~(7)~~, coupled with said handling means ~~(6)~~, ~~able to connect~~ said laid out laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ to said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~, and

~~characterized in that~~ said laminar element is being an advertising support.